

REMARKS

In accordance with the above amendments, the specification has been amended to include reference to SEQ ID NO's where the sequences appear in the specification and the SEQ ID NO's have been added, where necessary, to claim 61. Claims 48-78 remain in the application.

Sequence Rule Compliance

It is believed that the amendments to claim 61 and the specification brings the application into compliance with all of the SEQ ID rules. The original Sequence Listing submitted with the application also appears to be correct and, accordingly, it is believed that further substitute computer readable and paper copy forms of the Sequence Listing need not be submitted inasmuch as they would be identical to what has already been received and is of record.

A copy of the Notice to comply is enclosed with this response as required by the Notice.

Election/Restrictions

The Official Action required an election between the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 48-71 and 77-78, drawn to a method for promoting apoptosis in a cell and a method of treating a patient in need of promotion of apoptosis comprising introducing a triplex forming oligonucleotide or a peptide nucleic acid.

Group II, claim 69, drawn to a method of treating a patient in need of suppression of an apoptosis-related gene.

Group III, claims 71-72, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition for promoting apoptosis.

Group IV, claims 73-74, drawn to a host cell comprising a molecule for promoting apoptosis.

Group V, claims 75-76, drawn to a method of designing a molecule for suppressing an apoptosis-related gene.

In accordance with that requirement, applicants elect Group I containing claims 48-71 and 77-78 and further elect the species MAD1. It is believed that claims 48-57 and 60-78 all read on the elected species.

Applicants do traverse the election/restriction requirement because they believe that all the claims are sufficiently related to one basic concept and so should be examined together. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the election/restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Early examination and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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